

June 3, 2011



**Paideia Staff at The Autism 5K - May 21st - Lake Calhoun**

#### Quick Links

##### Paideia Website

[www.paideiaacademy.org](http://www.paideiaacademy.org)

##### PIE Committee

[pie@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:pie@paideiaacademy.org)

##### SchoolView Questions

[mnufer@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:mnufer@paideiaacademy.org)

##### Lunch Balances

[www.paypams.com](http://www.paypams.com)

##### Uniforms

[www.donaldsuniform.com](http://www.donaldsuniform.com)

##### Attendance

[swatkins@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:swatkins@paideiaacademy.org)

952-953-6200

##### GenerationGreen

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## Save the Date:

**June 6 - PIE meeting / Volunteer Appreciation 6:30 PM**

**2012 Washington DC informational meeting 6:00 PM**

**June 7 - Light Bulb Fair 6:30- 8:45 PM Academic showcase of projects**

**June 10 - Upper Academy Dance 6:00-9:00 PM**

**Lower Academy Picnic 6:30-8:00 PM**

**June 11 - Paideia First Annual 5K Run / Walk!**

**June 14 - 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 PM**

**June 15 - Last day of school!**

**June 18 - Upper Academy Play, Casey at the Bat 7:00 PM**

**June 19 - Upper Academy Play Casey at the Bat 2:00 PM**

**Paideia is pronounced "Pie-day-ah".**

"Paideia Academy has been an amazing experience for our whole family. We love the school and the teachers. We look forward so much to all of our children attending, and many years of participating at Paideia."

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2011 Family Survey

## From the Director

Dear Families:

I understand that there seems to be some misinformation regarding the Diversity Equity Committee (DEC) meeting that was held here at school on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am thankful for the few families who contacted me directly to ask for clarification, which is the impetus for this message.

First and foremost, I would like to reiterate that the mission of the DEC is to ensure an equitable, inclusive, and safe place for all students, parents, staff, and community. The vision of the DEC is for Paideia Academy to embody a welcoming environment free from bias and prejudice, where all are valued, differences are acknowledged and celebrated, and

all are supported and treated with respect. Along with the mission and vision, the DEC will have a clear connection and action against bullying. *This is not a change to the mission and vision of Paideia.* Only the Board has the power to make such a change.

Secondly, I understand that there is some concern that Paideia will be implementing curriculum that promotes a particular agenda. I want to reassure you that any changes to the Paideia curriculum and/or adoption of new curriculum *must* be approved by the Board. The Director (at Paideia or at any other school) does not have the unilateral power to make such a change; nor would I, as the current Director, make such an impactful change without following the change process protocol that I have followed for other changes such as the implementation of collaboration time. This would include an opportunity for families to preview any curriculum that is being considered as would be the case with any change in existing curriculum or potential addition of a new curriculum.

Thirdly, it is important that we remember that Paideia is a public school and as such funded with public dollars that come from people of all backgrounds-ethnicities, religions, political views, sexual orientation, disabilities, etcetera and as such, Paideia does not promote any particular agenda but an education that best represents all sides and views. Paideia teachers have successfully taught the facts around different world religions without promoting any one in particular. This should be the case with any other topic that has different views. It is true that Paideia's mission is a classical education but that is not mutually exclusive from diversity and equity whatsoever. Also, Paideia as a public school will not discriminate against people who have different backgrounds or beliefs.

Lastly, Paideia as a school community must to come together, for the survival of the school and more importantly for the success of the school. I would like to clarify that as the leader of the school, my only agenda is to move the school forward keeping true to the classical approach to education, focusing on the academic achievement of students, and fostering a warm, welcoming school environment for all. In this vein, the Diversity Equity Committee has my full support in addressing these needs at our school along with bullying.

Thank you for reading my newsletter this week! As always, please call, email, or stop by to make an appointment if ever I can answer a question, listen to a concern, or help solve a problem. Have a fantastic weekend!

Warmly,

Joyce

ps. Who is your favorite Minnesota historical figure?

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## DIVERSITY EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP

The Diversity and Equity Committee met on May 23rd. There was a was  
The committee will be moving into two sub committees to work on updating the current policy on anti-bullying at Paideia and also making diversity more visible at Paideia. There were a good amount of attendees who signed up for one of the two groups, but always open for anyone else to join! Please email Julie Kogan- White at [koganwhite@comcast.net](mailto:koganwhite@comcast.net).

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## CLASS ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2011-12

Due to the fluctuation in student enrollment during the summer months, student class assignments will not be announced until August 3 during Back to School Day. As I explained in a previous newsletter, please remember that during the first 4-6 weeks of school, student class assignment may be changed if a grade level needs to be rebalanced due to new student enrollment.

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## NEW LOCKER INSTALLATION

On June 16, Bob and Dave will be tearing out the old upper academy lockers beginning at 8am. All lockers must be cleared out by the end of the school day, June 15. Any lockers that have locks on them will be cut. Items inside will be donated or disposed of. Unfortunately, we are unable to repurpose the current lockers as they are too deep for the lower academy hallways. They will be removed over the summer.

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### Summer fun ideas

- Read a few good books, Visit the library
  - Sea Life Aquarium of MN/Mall of America
  - Como Zoo/Conservatory
  - Bike riding
  - Water parks
  - Visit a lake
  - Have your child make a budget, write a grocery shopping list and then calculate how to spend within the budget.
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Supply Lists for the 2011-12 school year will be posted on the school website.

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## Traffic/Parking/Door Updates

- Please park in the east or west side parking lots whenever possible, particularly for evening meetings and events. This is part of our agreement with Bogart's in relation to the easement for the playground.
- When using the drop off lane, please pull as far forward as possible. Otherwise, please park in one of the lots and walk your child(ren) into school.
- If your child is tardy, please walk your child into the office.
- Please do not block the entrances to the parking lot areas.

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**Volunteer Opportunities 2011-12**

M-F Lunchtime supervision 11:30-1:15

M-F Traffic supervision 8:00-8:20AM and 3:25-3:50PM

W 2:25-3:25 Collaboration Time Childcare/Clubs

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**Items requested for donation:**

Large carpet remnant for the Spanish room

Large round planter for the front of the school

6 bulletin boards 3x5 (size is flexible)

2 Bookcases (4 shelves or more) 1 for middle school language arts, 1 for Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> grade white plastic pant hangers with clips to hang up listening center books

30 specialty awards for the Light bulb Fair (email Cate Belleveau

[cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org) for more details)

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Come and enjoy our very own Jazz Band!

On June 6, in conjunction with the Volunteer Appreciation Night, our Jazz band will be performing.

**From the Office****Lunch Update:**

Beginning on June 20 PayPams will no longer be accessible.

Lunch information is now and will continue to be accessed through your TIES SchoolView log in under FeePay.

You can see all your child(ren)'s lunch activity and make payments with a credit card through FeePay.

**Survey**

Green Survey reminder:

If you haven't yet done so, please complete this short survey to help us gauge the effectiveness of our Generation Green project, for which we received a Community POWER grant. Our goal is to ascertain any CHANGES in your reuse/recycling behavior since the beginning of this school year.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3MQWY37>

The survey will close on Friday, June 3 at midnight.

**Fundraising**

**\*\* SALE \*\***

# Spirit Wear Pre-Sale for 2011 / 2012!

Click the link below to view order form.

[Lower Academy Spirit Wear](#)

[Upper Academy Spirit Wear Order](#)

**Please note: Special pre - order only! We will not stock these items!**

~Order deadline is June 15 ~ pick-up at Back to School Event~

## PIE

**Please join the PIE Committee Monday, June 6th at 6:30 pm for Volunteer Appreciation Night**, newly elected Community Board Member Phil Sterner will be our guest speaker. In addition we will have a performance by the Jazz Band. Immediately following the PIE Meeting will be a Volunteer Recognition Social. Join us for refreshments and a sampling from Sisinni Food Services, our new hot lunch provider.

### End of Year Finale!

Please join PIE in celebrating the end of the school year, June 10th. **Lower Academy** (or any student) and their families are invited to the Jensen Shelter in Lebanon Hills Regional Park from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for an evening at the park. You can bring a picnic dinner if you would like. We will have bottled water, ice cream treats and glow in the dark necklaces for sale, the profit from these will help cover the cost of the shelter rental. There will not be any supervision available so all children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Upper Academy Students** are invited to an End of School Dance, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Paideia. This dance is for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Paideia students only. Students will receive their dance entrance ticket next week! Please contact me at [PIE@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:PIE@paideiaacademy.org) if would like to help in concessions or chaperone.

Thanks again to all you great Parent Volunteers!  
PIE Committee

## Fundraising



**Last chance this year to be a part of a really easy fundraiser!**

**Come try it out if you haven't done it before.**

**You get 100% of the value of the card and the school gets a rebate from the company.**

**For example: Buy a \$100 Kwik Trip, you get \$100 to fill up your tank,  
the school gets \$9!**

We are placing our last 2010-2011 scrip order on June 7th. We won't be buying any inventory for summer, so please look at the website and place an order for the cards you'll need for the summer. You can place your order two different ways, just please complete it by the evening of June 6th. You will

have your cards by Friday the 10th.

Two easy ways to order:

1. Go to the website [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), enter the Paideia code EAAC1D2C18284, and place your order online. After checkout, print out your order and send it and your check with your child the next day. Tell us if you want your order sent home with your child or if you will pick it up.

OR

2. Bring your checkbook to Monday Morning Meeting or PIE meeting on June 6th. Order from our print out and pay by cash or check right there.

## Special Education

**You still have time to sign up for Summer Fun Camp!**

- **\$10 per day for students who do not receive special education services.**
- **\$5 per day for students who receive special education services and want to stay for the entire morning.**
- **Free for students who receive special education services and want to come for just the amount of time stated on their current IEP.**

**Click the link below or stop by the office for registration forms.**

**[Summer Fun Camp Registration Form](#)**



## Troop 52966 Fundraiser

### Freezie Pop Sale - June 9 and 10!!

Girl Scouts (troop 52966) are selling Freezie Pops June 9 and 10. This is a service project and all proceeds will benefit Bridging. The mission of Bridging is to provide the economically disadvantaged with a one-time gift of quality furniture and household items which helps to stabilize and improve their lives while effectively using community resources. Bridging is located in Bloomington and recently they have been helping north Minneapolis tornado victims.



Kids can purchase their freezies at lunchtime  
Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10.

1 Freezie costs 50¢.

2 Freezies cost 75¢.

## Gifted and Talented

# The Light Bulb Fair Celebrating Research and Creativity Light Bulb Fair on June 7 - 6:30 - 8:45 PM.

### ~ Our Vision ~

We envision a new generation of engaged, productive global citizens.

### ~ Our Mission ~

The Mission of Paideia Academy is to challenge and inspire learners by providing a rigorous, content-rich, classical education incorporating languages, music, and the arts while nurturing positive character.

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